

INCOME LIMITS INCREASE FOR 2010 ENERGY ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

The Iron County Department of Human Services will begin taking applications for the 2009-2010 Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program starting October 1, 2009 at the Iron County Human Services Department. **Applications at Human Services will be taken this year BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** by calling 561-3636. Applicants may also apply over the phone or have an application mailed to them. **Income limits have increased substantially this year. Many households who were ineligible due to income limits in previous years may qualify this year.**

Applicants are **required** to provide ALL of the following items:

- * household yearly heating bills from Sept.1, 2008 to Aug.31, 2009
(If you do not have the bills/receipts, you can call your fuel supplier and ask them to provide a printout of your fuel costs used during this time period)
- * household electric bills from Sept. 1, 2008 to Aug. 31, 2009
- * social security cards for **all** household members
- * verification of income for the previous three months prior to application for all household members
- * previous year's income taxes are also required in some cases.

If all information is not provided, the application cannot be completed and will delay any potential payment.

The household gross income is based on the three previous months prior to the date of application. Income limits for eligibility are as follows:

Household Size	3 Month Gross Income	12 Month Gross Income
1	5,859	23,436
2	7,661	30,644
3	9,464	37,856
4	11,267	45,068
5	13,069	52,276
6	14,872	59,488
7	15,210	60,840
8	15,548	62,192

If the gross income for three months is less than or equal to the income limit for that size household, you pass the income test.

Walk-in applications will be accepted at the following sites (MAKE SURE YOU BRING THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE):

Saxon Community Bldg.	Thursday, October 8 th	10:30 - 12:00
Mercer Town Hall	Wednesday, October 14 th	8:15 - 10:30
Springstead Town Hall	Wednesday, October 14 th	11:00 - 12:00
Hurley Senior Center	Monday, October 19 th	10:30 - 12:00
Iron Belt Senior Center	Wednesday, October 28 th	10:30 - 12:00
Mercer Town Hall	Tuesday, November 17 th	9:30 - 11:00
Mercer Senior Center	Tuesday, November 17 th	11:15 - 12:00

If you are homebound and need a representative to take an application in your home, please call Diane at 561-3636.

In case of emergency situations where the household may be out of fuel or heat by the next day, they should contact the Iron County Human Services Department or after business hours contact the Iron County Sheriff's Department at 715-561-3800.